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1. FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA HAS REPORTED AS FOLLOWS CONCERN-
ING FIVE AMERICAN TOURISTS SAID TO BE IN DISTRESS:
(A) EMBASSY UNABLE TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL INFORMATION FROM
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OR FROM MULAGO HOSPITAL WITHOUT
HAVING NAMES OF TOURISTS. (B) KOREAN DOCTOR AT MULAGO
HOSPITAL TOLD FRG EMBASSY IN CONFIDENCE THAT HE HAD
TREATED A CERTAIN MR. WHITEROSE (OSTENSIBLY A MEMBER OF
THE GROUP) FOR MALARIA. (C) ACCORDING KOREAN DOCTOR,
TOURISTS WERE ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED ILLEGAL ENTRY AND
LATER TAKEN TO CENTRAL POLICE STATION OF KAMPALA.
(D) TOURISTS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN PUT ACROSS KENYAN
BORDER AT SOME LATER TIME IN VICINITY OF TORORO. (NOT
CLEAR FROM FRG EMBASSY CABLE WHETHER THIS INFORMATION
PROVIDED BY KOREAN DOCTOR OR OBTAINED FROM SOME OTHER
SOURCE. FRG EMBASSY NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT IT JIBES WITH
A TELEVISION REPORT ON THE EXPULSION OF AMERICANS CHARGED
WITH HAVING ENTERED UGANDA ILLEGALLY.) (E) FRG EMBASSY
STATES THAT AMEMBASSY NAIROBI APPARENTLY HAS NO INFORMAT-
ION ON ARRIVAL IN KENYA OF THIS TOURIST GROUP. (F) FRG
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EMBASSY CONFIRMS IT AWARE OF RUMORS IN KAMPALA CONCERN-

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ING MISTREATMENT OF AMERICAN TOURISTS BY UGANDAN MILITARY BUT STATES IT UNABLE OBTAIN MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON THIS.

2. VON PFETTEN OF FONOFF ASKED EMBOFF WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE PROVIDE NAMES BEFORE FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA IS INSTRUCTED TO PURSUE ITS INVESTIGATION FURTHER. EMBOFF AGREED TO REPORT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA AND TO INQUIRE WHETHER (SPECIFICALLY ON BASIS OF NAMING OF MR. WHITEROSE FROM OKLAHOMA) IT MIGHT NOW BE POSSIBLE FOR DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSY NAIROBI TO GIVE US MORE EXACT INFORMATION ON TOURIST PARTY. PLEASE ADVISE. HILLENBRAND

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